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SUBJECT: RIFAI TRIP TO MEET BEN SOUDA

REF: AMMAN 4212,

1. DEPT. SEES NO OBVIOUS THEME FOR RIFAI/BEN SOUDA TALKS. ONE POSSIBLE SUBJECT IS SPANISH SAHARA ISSUE, A MAJOR MOROCCAN CONCERN. MOROCCO WANTS TO ANNEX THIS TERRITORY AND MAY CLASH WITH ALGERIA, WHICH IS BACKING A PRO-INDEPENDENCE, LIBERATION FRONT IN THE SAHARA. SPAIN IS TRYING TO PROMOTE FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE WITH MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, AND ALGERIA TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT ON FUTURE OF SAHARA, BUT IT IS UNCERTAIN THAT MOROCCO WILL ATTEND UNLESS ALL SIDES ACCEPT PRECONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO ITS POSITION. MOROCCAN-JORDANIAN RELATIONS ARE GOOD AND MOROCCO MAY BE SEEKING SUPPORT ON ISSUE FROM WHAT IT VIEWS AS A "FRIENDLY" ARAB GOVERNMENT.
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2. DEPARTMENT REPEATING RABAT 2698 WHICH REPORTS KING HASSAN'S REVIEW OF SAHARA SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR NEUMANN AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR ON JUNE 5. YOU MAY DRAW ON MESSAGE TO BRIEF RIFAI BUT SHOULD NOT CITE SOURCE.

3. BEN SOUDA IS REPORTED TO HAVE RAISED SAHARA ISSUE IN
TALKS WITH LIBYAN PRESIDENT QADHAFI DURING MEETING IN
TRIPOLI ON JUNE 15. KISSINGER

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